

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-42 (canceled)

Claim 43 (new): Apparatus for a combined lithographic/flexographic printing process comprising:

a substrate having a first side and a second side;

a plurality of successive printing stations for printing color images on the substrate in a continuous in-line process, the successive printing stations including:

a first lithographic printing station for printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the lithographic process;

a first flexographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first lithographic printing station, for printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the flexographic process;

a second lithographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first flexographic printing station, for printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the lithographic process; and

a second flexographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the second lithographic printing station, for printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the flexographic process.

Claim 44 (new) Apparatus for a combined lithographic/flexographic printing process comprising:

a substrate;

a plurality of successive printing stations for printing color images on the substrate in a continuous in-line process, the successive printing stations including:

a first flexographic printing station for printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the flexographic process;

a first lithographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first lithographic printing station, for printing an image on the substrate using the lithographic process;

a second flexographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first lithographic printing station, for printing an image on the substrate using the flexographic process; and

a second lithographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the second flexographic printing station, for printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the lithographic process.

Claim 45 (new): Apparatus for a combined lithographic/flexographic printing process comprising:

a substrate;

a plurality of successive printing stations for printing color images on the substrate in a continuous in-line process, the successive printing stations including:

a first lithographic printing station;

a first flexographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first lithographic printing station;

a first dryer, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first flexographic printing station;

a second lithographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first dryer;

a second dryer, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the second lithographic printing station;

a second flexographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the second dryer; and

a third dryer, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the second flexographic printing station.

Claim 46 (new): Apparatus for a combined lithographic/flexographic printing process comprising:

a substrate;

a plurality of successive printing stations for printing color images on the substrate in a continuous in-line process, the successive printing stations including:

a first lithographic printing station;

a first dryer, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first lithographic printing station;

a first flexographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first dryer;

a second dryer, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the first flexographic printing station;

a second lithographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the second dryer;

a third dryer, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the second lithographic printing station;

a second flexographic printing station, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the third dryer; and

a fourth dryer, subsequent in the continuous in-line process to the second flexographic printing station.

Claim 47 (new): A method for a combined lithographic/flexographic printing process, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate having a first side and a second side;

printing an image on the first side of the substrate using a first lithographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the first lithographic printing station to a first flexographic printing station;

printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the first flexographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the first flexographic printing station to a second lithographic printing station;

printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the second lithographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the second lithographic printing station to a second flexographic printing station;

printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the second flexographic printing station.

Claim 48 (new): A method for a combined lithographic/flexographic printing process, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate;

printing an image on the substrate using a first flexographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the first flexographic printing station to a first lithographic printing station;

printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the first lithographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the first lithographic printing station to a second flexographic printing station;

printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the second flexographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the second flexographic printing station to a second lithographic printing station;

printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the second lithographic printing station.

Claim 49 (new) A method for a combined lithographic/flexographic printing process, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate;

printing an image on the substrate using a first lithographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the first lithographic printing station to a first flexographic printing station;

printing an image on the substrate using the first flexographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the first flexographic printing station to a first dryer;

drying the substrate in the first dryer;

transferring the substrate from the first dryer to a second lithographic printing station;

printing an image on the first side of the substrate using the second lithographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the second lithographic printing station to a second dryer;

drying the substrate in the second dryer;

transferring the substrate from the second dryer to a second flexographic printing station;

printing an image on the substrate using the second flexographic printing station;

transferring the substrate from the second flexographic printing station to a third dryer;
and

drying the substrate in the third dryer.